



# **“Keeping the Marine Corps on target” IN THE BLACK**

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## **Warrior Care Month** ***November 2010***

### **Background**

- November is Warrior Care Month, a Navy and Marine Corps effort to increase awareness and understanding of wounded warrior programs and services to service members, families, government and non-government community partners, and the public.
- The 2010 theme is “Focusing on Abilities - Supporting Wounded Warriors throughout Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration.”
- In November, the Marine Corps’ Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) is launching its Focus on Ability campaign, which recognizes several wounded, ill or injured (WII) Marines who have overcome obstacles to achieve success in their lives.
- The Corps also is celebrating families and caregivers because of their contribution to the recovery of our Marines. They often serve as support systems and make sacrifices as their Marine recovers, and the Corps is highlighting and acknowledging their contributions.

### **Discussion**

- The Marine Corps WWR provides and facilitates non-medical care to combat and non-combat WII Marines, as well as Sailors attached to or in direct support of Marine units, and their family members in order to assist them as they return to duty or transition to civilian life.
  - The WWR assists active, reserve and veteran Marines.
  - The regimental headquarters element in Quantico, Va., commands the operations of Wounded Warrior Battalions at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C., and multiple detachments at locations around the globe.
  - The WWR operates a 24/7 call center that receives calls for assistance and also conducts outreach calls to Marines and Marine veterans to determine if their needs are being met, offer assistance, and to ensure issue resolution. The center number is 1-877-487-6299.
- The Corps’ 49 Recovery Care coordinators serve as a point of contact for Marines and families to help them establish goals for recovery and ensure delivery of support and services from other agencies.

### **Key Messages**

- Warrior Care Month highlights the sacrifices and achievements of wounded, ill or injured service members and their families.
- Warrior Care Month focuses on the importance of programs and services that provide career assistance to transitioning service members.
- The WWR is the Marine Corps unit that assists active, reserve and veteran Marines with their non-medical needs such as education, employment, athletic events, and benefit application assistance.

### **WWR Facts & Figures**

- The WWR or WWR Battalions currently provide support to more than 25,000 active, reserve or veteran Marines.
- The Warrior Athlete Reconditioning program provides WII Marines opportunities to engage in physical and cognitive activities ranging from yoga to surfing.
- District Injured Support Cells are mobilized reserve Marines located nationwide who have made visits and phone calls to thousands of reserve and veteran WII Marines. DISCs currently support 628 Marines.